

Diptford Parish Council Meeting, 12th October 2021

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Covid-19

Key message

- Frontline Health and Social Care workers can now book a booster appointment via the National Booking Service or by contacting 119, provided that 6 months have passed since the date of their second vaccination. Details of walk-in clinics are available later in this bulletin.
- The Shingrix shingles vaccine, which has sometimes been opportunistically offered alongside flu, cannot be co-administered with COVID-19.
- Vaccinations have begun in schools for 12–15-year-olds. Parents, guardians or carers of children in this group are being contacted for consent.
- Support is available for NHS staff experiencing Long Covid
- 6 in 10 18–24-year-olds are fully vaccinated.
- Between 8 December and 26 September **933,727** first doses have been given while **867,880** second doses have been given; a total of **1,801,607** doses.
- Details of walk-in clinics are being regularly shared on NHS Devon CCG’s social media pages. You can find your nearest walk-in clinic on NHS England’s site finder here.

Age group	Number of 1st doses given	Number of 2nd doses given	Approx % of age group received at least one dose*	Approx % of age group received both doses
80+	76,097	74,652	95% or above for people aged 50 and over	90% or above for people aged 50 and over
75-79	58,316	57,874		
70-74	77,439	76,759		
65-69	72,143	71,243		
60-64	79,228	76,739		
55-59	85,816	83,787		
50-54	81,042	79,027		
45-49	66,753	64,243	93.1%	89.6%
40-44	59,744	56,684	95.2%	90.3%
35-39	60,361	55,667	91.4%	84.3%
30-34	60,119	53,340	88.4%	78.4%
25-29	55,202	46,822	81.5%	69.1%
18-24	81,477	66,567	81.2%	66.3%
All under 18	19,989	4,476	8.8%	2.0%
Total (% 16+)	933,727	867,880	92.7%	86.2%

Arrangements for GCSE, AS and A levels in summer 2022

For the past two years, summer exams haven't been able to take place due to the coronavirus pandemic, and instead students have been awarded grades by their teachers.

Now exam regulator Ofqual has put in place arrangements for GCSE, AS and A levels in summer 2022 to support students and make exams fairer for them because they've had their education disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The government has introduced a choice of topics or content in some GCSE exams and exam boards will give advance information about the focus of the content of exams, designed to provide guidance for revision for students ahead of summer exams, and study aids will be allowed in some exams.

You can find out more about Ofqual's approach to grading exams and assessments in autumn 2021 and summer 2022 on the [government website](#).

Funding available for organisations to support self-isolating residents

We've launched a new fund to help community organisations provide practical, social and emotional support to Devon residents self-isolating due to COVID-19.

The grants of up to £5,000 for small projects and £20,000 for larger projects can be used to help those self-isolating with any caring responsibilities; accessing food and other supplies; practical tasks such as dog walking; and mental health and wellbeing support to address things like loneliness and boredom.

Groups can also use the money to improve their community's awareness and understanding of the government's self-isolation rules, including when you need to self-isolate, how long for, what it involves and why it is a vitally important part of slowing the spread of COVID-19, as well as what support is available.

[For more information about the 'COVID-19 Outbreak Management Grant', including how to apply, please visit our website.](#)

Provision of 20mph speed limits

Last week at Full Council, opposition members attempted to overturn the decision that no new 20mph zones could be implemented until after the much-discussed Newton Abbot trial.

Regrettably, the motion was defeated by the ruling party and therefore I can foresee no changes to speed zones within villages for the foreseeable future.